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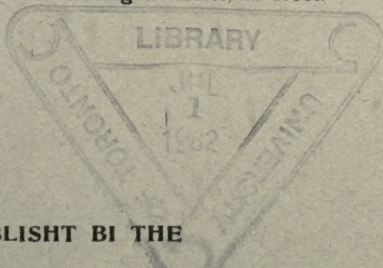


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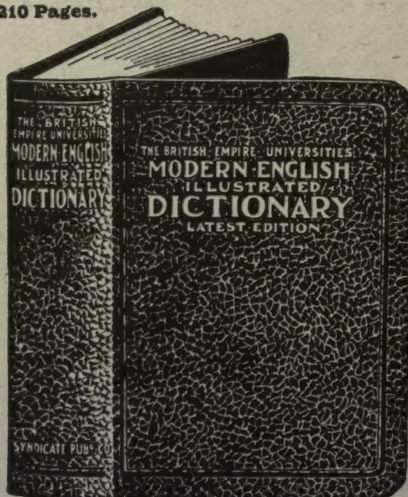
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HOELDFAAST.

"TAIR 'EM iz a good dog, but Hoeldfaast iz a beter," haz been sujested az a nashonal motee for us in the hyuj strugl in which we ar engaijd.

Siks munths agoe meni ov us thaut it wood aul be oever in a fyu munths. We hav chainjd our miendz. We undervalyud the strength ov our enemiz az thai undervalyud ourz. We noe nou that the real grapling haz hardli begun.

We ar proud ov the men hu ar fieting so splendidli on land and in the air, on and under the see. We shair the soroe ov thoez hu hav been bereevd; we rejois at the enthyuziazm ov the nyu armiz so strenyuusli fieting themselvz for the grait enkounter. The rali ov the Empier haz dun our harts good; we had hardli hoept for such a respons ourselvz, and the rest ov the wurd lookt on in wunder.

We ar not whot we wer siks munths agoe; we never shal be the saim again. We hav put awai chieldish thingz and ar bekuming men—not oenli thoez hu hav enlisted, but thoez tuu oeld or tuu week tu enlist.

The histori ov our dai and the map ov the wurd ar being studid with a keener insiet than befor; we ar aasking ourselvz whot konstityuts sivilizaishon and truu kultyur. We feel that this vaast konflikt must be maid tu bair abundant fruit tu maik up for the styupendus loss ov blud and trezher that it involvz.

It wil bair fruit if we kontinyu kaam and rezolyut in our endevorz tu acheev viktori, and if we prepar for thair taask thoez hu wil hav tu bild up a beter aij than ourz.

With hoepful iez we turn tu the yunger jeneraishon. Grait iz the responsibiliti ov thoez hu edyukait. Let us see tu it that we giv them aul the help that liez in our pouer.

Thank God, we hav sumthing beter tu teech our children than

"himz ov hait." Let them groe strong in kontemplaiting the heroizim ov our men and the self-sakrifiesing devoeshon ov our wimen, and let them akwier a spirit ov pyur and kaam stedfastnes tu dyuti.

SIMPLIFIED SPELING AT THE LONDON EDYUKAISHONAL KONFERENS.

OUR ANYUAL JENERAL MEETING.

OUR Anyual Jeneral Meeting iz tu us an event ov sum importans.

Held az an integral part ov the Konferens, it iz our veri best meenz ov gaining the eer ov the teeching profeshon. Tu a larj majoriti, speling reform nou apeelz az a pees ov praktikal edyukai-shonal politiks. Thoez teecherz with pioneering instinkts hu ar interested in methodz, in the best waiz ov duing thingz ar refreshingly ankshus tu giv us ov thair best in pooshing on the muuvment tu victori. Despiet the fakt that the hoel audiens at the Konferens woz redyust, our meeting in the Jehangier Haul in the aafternuun ov Janyuari 5 atraktet a good audiens, amungst thoez prezent being Dr. R. W. Macan, Maaster ov Yunivursiti Kolej, Oxford; Prof. T. Witton Davies, Bangor Yunivursiti; Mr. A. Cope, Prezi-dent ov the Fonografik Sosieta; Mr. F. Maurice Sexton, Kings-ton-on-Thames; and Mr. Archer Wilde.

Speling Reform woz again singld out for speshal menshon in the inaugyural Konferens adres bi Bishop Welldon, Deen ov Manchester. We kwoet hiz wurdz from "The Times":—

The Sosieta which egzisted for the simplifikaishon ov English speling had dun sum good, and miet duu yet mor if it kontinyud tu konfien itself within the limits ov komon sens, for wun ov the kauzez which maid the English langwij difkult and miet prevent it from bekuming, az it seemd liekli tu be, the yunivursal speech ov the world, woz that the speling ov English wurdz woz so ofen not a kluu or a help tu thair pronunsiaishon.

Leterz ov good wishez wer reseevd from the Riet On. Lord Bryce and Mr. F. W. Goldstone, M.P.

Lord Bryce sed: "Suuner or laiter the kwestion ov reform in speling wil hav tu be faist, and the suuner thoez hu rekogniez its importans think out the difikultiz it prezents, the beter. . . . In traveling about the world, and espeshali in traveling thru such Eestern kuntriz az China and Japan, I hav been graitli

struk bi the imens benefits which wood akruu tu British traid if English wer maid, bi bringing speling intu akord with pronunsiaishon, an eezier langwij for forinerz tu lurn."

Mr. Goldstone: "Az the rezult ov konsiderabl ekspeeriens in the teeching ov children, I hav kum tu the konkluzhon that veri much valyuabl tiem iz waisted in teeching the intrikasiz ov English speling. The kuriyulum iz nou so ekstensiv that it wood be a konsiderabl advaantij tu divurt sum ov the tiem nou rekwierv for English speling tu subjekts which wood alou fuler skoop for the kultivaishon ov the inishiaitiv and obzurving fakultiz ov children."

CHAINJ OV PRES ATITYUD.

In the unavoidable absens ov Prof. Gilbert Murray, the chair woz taiken bi Mr. William Archer, hu gaiv a breef outlien ov the Sosieti z wurk: "When the War broek out aktiv propaganda with the ful skeem had been going on for about tuu and a haaf yearz. The Sosieti had been in egzistens a good deel longer than that, but, until tuu and a haaf yearz agoe, it had been kariing out the preliminariz for the skeem ov simplifikaishon nou yuzd in its publikaishonz. Thai had felt this tu be a nesasari preliminari tu aktiv wurk. Sins the komensment ov aktiv propaganda thair had been konsiderabl aktiviti in the pres, partli bi meenz ov korespondens, partli bi artiklz on such topikz az Standerd Speech, English az the Wurd Langwij, ets., in which referensez tu the Sosieti and its wurk wer maid. On the hoel, the muuvment woz taiken seeriusli bi the mor responsibl paiperz and magazeenz; a surtin number had eksprest thair simpathi, and the atityud ov edyukaishonal paiperz had been distinktkli enkuriing. No wun hu had noetist whot had been sed about Simplified Speling dyuring the yearz ov the Sosieti's egzistens kood hav faild tu remark that the jeneral toen ov the diskushon woz nou infinitli mor sensibl and kurtius than it had been at the outset. Meni lektyurz had been deliverd tu branchez ov the Nashonal Union ov Teecherz, tu elementari teecherz, tu literari sosiëtz, ets., and veri litl opozishon had been met with at such lektyurz, aultho diskushon had aulmoest aulwaiz foloed. Tu sum ekstent this woz dyu tu the fakt that thoez hu wer violentli opoezd or kontemtyuusli indiferent staid awai. Teecherz in elementari skuulz wer aulmoest yunanimusli in faivor ov the reform, and its opoents rairli apeerd tu hav had eni praktikal ekspeeriens ov the difikultiz and disadvaantijez ov the teeching ov English speling. In the spring ov 1914, beleeving that the tiem had kum for an ofishal inkwieri intu the kwestion ov speling reform, the Sosieti had draun up a petishon tu be prezented tu the Priem Minister. The petishon staited that the iregularitiz and inkonsistensiz ov English speling involvd a deplorabl waist ov tiem and mental enerji in edyukaishon without eni kompensaiting gain; that no filolojist or styudent ov langwijez ov eni eminens woz opoezd tu the mor or les kompleet remuuval ov its anomaliz, whiel meni wer strongli in faivor; and that the adopshon ov a rashonal speling wood, bi the remuuval ov a seerius hindrans tu the spred ov the English langwij, be produktiv ov grait intelektuual and komurshal advaantijez. The petishon konkluded bi aasking that a Komishon shood be apointed tu konsider the hoel kwestion. The petishon had been menshond in the leeding dailiz and had been faivorabli revyud in everi edyukaishonal paiper ov standing. It had been siend bi meni distingwisht peepl and woz nou being introdyst tu teecherz, tu memberz ov edyukaishonal sosiëtz, and tu the jeneral publik. A wel konstituted Komishon such az the petishon aaskt for, if it did not absoluutli solv the problem ov the best method ov simplifikaishon, wood, at eni rait, duu a grait deel tu arouz peepl tu the importans ov the subjekt, and wood leed tu the ultimait agreement upon a skeem ov simplifikaishon."

Mis Lucy Silcox, Hed Mistres ov St. Felix Skuul, Southwold, deprekaid the injoori dun tu the chield's reezoning pouerz bi the prezent sistem ov speling. Wer sound and simbol tu be korelaid, lurning tu reed wood bekum a proeses ov understanding, and not a memorieizing ov whot iz not sens.

Prof. Mark Hunter, ov Madras Yunivursiti, kontribyuted a paiper shoing that the peeplz ov India wer redi tu welkum a reform ov English, and aul that remaind tu be dun woz tu sekyur the simpathi ov the Edyukaishonal Autoritiz with a vvu tu alouing the yus ov reformd speling in the Guvernment egzaminai-

shonz for Indianz. (We hoep tu giv ekstrakts from this paiper in an urli isyu ov THE PIONEER.)

The point ov vvu ov the Elementari Skuulz woz eksprest bi Mr. John Perkins, Hed Maaster ov The Sur John Cass Foundaishon Skuul, London, hu sed that eeven nou the foenik method ov teeching reeding woz the best az far az it kood be karid; but English speling woz so inkonsistent that the foenik method kood not be karid veri far, and had tu be abandond for the "look and sai" method.

THE EMPIER'Z NEEDZ.

Prof. Walter Rippmann sed strong infloensez had been at wurk tu bring about yuniformaliti ov pronunsiaishon tu enlarj vaastli the number ov thoez hu speek good English; and we wer wuns mor lurning tu analiez our speech and tu bekum sensibli kritikal ov it. Inevitabli thair aroez the dezier for the riet simbol, and for a return tu the splendid simplisiti and truthfulness ov the urli reprezentaishonz ov speech, such az the Greeks and Romanz enjoid, but we had lost. For the needz ov our vaast Empier we rekwierd a rashonal speling ov English, and the tiem wood kum when men wood not be kontent with nashonal speling, but thair wood be the saim simbolz and the saim skript for aul langwijez. Tu that end thair wood hav tu be nyu leterz; but the konsumaishon ov an internashonal alfabet yunivursali aksepted woz yet in the far distans. We kood not wait until then: we must aanser the urjent apeel ov the prezent. From the milionz in our elementari skuulz, from the milionz ov lurnerz ov English thruout the Empier and in forin landz, kaim the saim demaand: "Saiv us from the waist and konfyuzhon ov a speling defended oenli bi thoez hu ignor its reched histori." Dyuring the laast three yearz THE PIONEER—the organ ov the Sosietei—had rekorded meni atemts tu fiend the riet simbolz. Thai had maid sum chainjez in the skeem tentativli poot forwerd, and wer liekli tu maik stil mor befor thai aried at the best wurking alfabet baist on the egzisting leterz. Thai had been fuulishli derieded bekauz thai had chainjd the speling ov the Sosietei's naim; but thai wood hav dezurvd derizhon indeed if at the outset thai had deklaird the skeem so purfekt az tu be inkaipabl ov impruuvment, insted ov submiting it tu ekstensiv kritisizm; and this woz not availabl until a sufishent number had konsiderd the problemz involvd.

OUR OPOENENTS IN THE PILORI.

"NUMERIC REFORM IN NESCIIOUBIA."

OUR oeld frend, the "Simplified Speling Bulletin," arievz in so atraktiv a form that we feel shuur its boeld rezolv tu apeer munthli wil meet with the worm welkum that spelz sukses. Fried ov plais iz given tu a witi and charming skit bi Prof. Grandgent entietld "Numeric Reform in Nescioubia." It iz az amyuzing az *Erewhon* (a book which we hav aulwaiz thaut shood be yuzd az a tekstbook for teecherz) and, within the limits ov the subjekt, az ful ov mater for thaut.

Ourz iz not the furst kauz in which laafter haz had tu be prest intu survis tu poosh it thru the opozishon ov the faint-harted and konsurvativ. We giv a breef sumari and kwoetaishon from Prof. Grandgent's artikl. Hiz ilustraishon kood be veri ofen yuzd in

diskushon and debait, and we noe he wood not miend the plaijiarizm if oenli it ment drieving the reform hoem.

In Nescioubia the inhabitants, altho thai hav long enjoid the advaantijiz ov a rashonal orthografi, retain tu this dai the praktis ov kompyuting soelli with Roman nyumeralz. A kruusaid ov reform woz inaugyuraited in which the promoeterz argyud that the teeching ov mathematiks woz so impeeded bi the yus ov Roman simbolz that Nescioubian children wer kwiet tuu yeeرز behiend the yuth ov uther landz. The vaast majoriti never lurnt tu rekon at aul, and bliendli poot doun az thair rezult eni alfabetikal kombinaishon asoesiaishon miet sujest. Thai had, indeed, aulmoest lost the sens ov number and wer furthermor so dispirited bi thair fyutiel eforts that thai lakt kurij tu atak thair uther studiz with the vigor rekwizit tu sukses. And, laastli, the komers ov Nescioubia and the nashonal inflooens suferd from the inabilityi ov the Nescioubian tu kount az uther peepl did. Eeven profeshonal mathematishanz wer seldum kwiet shuur ov thair rezults.

DISDAINING ARGYUMENT.

The argyuments ov the reformerz kreaited a storm ov opozishon, moest ov it proseeding from jurnalists (the "Osteokefali," az thai wer kauld) and from pursonz hu had never been aibl tu kount with akyurasi beyond thurteen. "Undermieners ov our sivilizaishon," "grotesk iekonoklaasts" wer sum ov the mor poliet epithets hurld at them. In the main, houeever, the anti-reformerz disdained argyument, kontenting themselvz with afurming that the arithmetik ov Romulus and Remus woz good enuf for them. Moroeover, the Arabic nyumeralz wer so funi! The paiperz from tiem tu tiem publisht numberz riten and sumz dun (inkorektli, ov kors) in Arabic stiel, and that part ov the publik which kood reed niether notaishon rord with laafter.

"Yu shoold not bauk at the strainjnes ov our sistem," faulterd the dismaid reformerz. "Everithing nyu iz strainj. Yu shoold konsider its simplisiti."

"Simplisiti!" sneerd the konsurvativz. "Hav yu the fais tu kaul it simpl when it emploiz mor sienz than the oeld wun? For the numberz up tu and inkluding wun hundred yur method rekwierz ten diferent simbolz—0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; ourz oenli fiev—I, V, X, L, C. The Roman noetaishon iz, then, just twies az simpl az the Arabic, az far az theez numberz ar konsurnd. When it kumz tu the smauler numberz—thoez under fifti, which wun ofen

meets—the suupeerioriti ov the oeld wai iz stil graiter. We yuz three sienz, yu stil need ten; we ar, thairfor, three and a thurd tiemz az simpl az yu.”

“Bekauz ov reesent stormz,” konkluudz Prof. Grandgent, “I hav been for several weeks without nyuz from Nescioubia. Akording tu the laitest adviesez, the reformerz wer ful ov good hoep. But the Nescioubianz wer stil yuzing the Roman nyu-meralz.”

MONTESSORI METHODZ HELD UP BI ENGLISH SPELING.

THE ITALIAN CHIELD'Z ADVAANTIJ.

FROM an unekspekted kworter kumz an indietment ov the prezent speling sistem. The Montessorianz hav diskuverd that, whiel the Italian chield, aafter the sensori training imparted bi the sistem, “eksploedz intu rieting,” forming kompleet sentensez with manifest eez, the English chield iz konfiend tu meer leterz and wurdz. He iz renderd inartikyulait—not bekauz ov eni natyural mental defekt, but simpli bekauz he kan not spel. For this limitaishon the puur chield iz not tu be blaimd; it woud be nuthing short ov a mirakl if he kood spel.

Mis Baird, ov the Laidiz' Kolej, Cheltenham, hu deliverd a lektuur on “The Yus ov the Montessori Leterz for English Children,” poot the kais veri kleeerli. It woz imposibl, she sed, tu kari out kompleetli Mme Montessori'z methodz oing tu the difikultiz ov speling and pronounsing the English langwij.

Taiking furst the subjekt ov rieting, she estimaited that fiev parts ov the Montessori aparaitus had a direkt bairing on the method ov teeching handrietig—naimli, the urli lesonz on ruf and smuuth, feeling round the wooden insets, filing in shaips draun from metal insets, ets. Mme Montessori had realiezd the strength ov the chield'z moeter pouer and shoen its syupeerioriti oever the vizyual. But ekspeeriens shoed that, whiel the Italian chield woz redi tu prepar for daiz tugether bi tuching the sandpaiper leterz again and again, the English chield tucht the leterz a fyu tiemz and wonted chauk tu reprodyus them at wuns. Thus, the English chield roet leterz and wurdz whair the Italian chield roet sentensez. The

teeching ov kompozishon woz thus renderd mor difikult in England bekauz the chield'z ekspresiv fakulti woz hinderd bi hiz inabilityi tu spel. At the saim tiem, moest interesting rezults had been obtaind in kompozishon thru the yus ov the Montessori Method. . . . With regard tu reeding, the diferens between the Italian fonetik langwij and the English kaim in. At furst, sed Mis Baird, aul went wel. The Montessori method ov konekting soundz with objekts held good and the children delieted in it. But, with the development ov wurdz and sentensez, trubl began, and, oing tu the komplikaited pronunsiaishon ov our langwij, reeding had tu be definitli taut.

We hoep our Montessori frendz wil not be kontent with this *non possumus*. Wil thai not raather join forsez with us hu wood reform English speling so that it shoold be az neerly fonetik az posibl, ofering aulmoest az litl hindrans az Italian tu the kompleet aplikaishon ov the Montessori Method? We, on our part, wood be wiling tu hich our wagon tu thair star for the myutyual advaantij that miet be gaind. Whi shoold thai not eksperiment with our sistem? An *entente* between the tuu sosiëtiz, eech dezierus ov submitting thair sistemz tu the test ov ekspeeriens, miet hav grait rezults.



HOU SHAL WE SPEEK?

NYUSPAIPERZ wer, praktikali speeking, kloezd tu the diskushon ov edyukaishonal subjekts this yeer, and aultho, dyuring the furst week ov Janyuari, London rezounded with pedagogik debaits and diskushonz, the editorial giloteen woz aplied without mursi. But thair woz wun subjekt tu which everi sheet gaiv its best atenshon—the pronunsiaishon ov English az ekspounded at the English Asoesiaishon meeting in King'z Kolej.

The net rezult ov the diskushon woz not larj. If we wer aaskt tu sumariez it in the shortest posibl spais, we shoold not atemt tu duu mor than kwoet tuu waiti lienz from Alexander Pope, which we think sum up fairli wel the jeneral sityuaishon:

'Tiz with our jujments az our wochez : nun
Goez just aliek, but eech beleevz hiz oen.

Az long az the best English pronunsiaishon iz meerli a mater ov prievait jujment we shal progres no further. A konferens on stan-

derd speech wood hav no veri eezi taask tu discharj, but that it kood evolv a rashonaliezd skeem ov pronunsiashon thair iz no reezon tu dout.

It mai interest the reederz ov THE PIONEER if we giv a breek report ov the prinsipal speechez.

Mr. Caldwell Cook, ov the Perse Skuul, Cambridge, sed the kwestion he wisht tu poot tu them woz: "Iz our pronunsiashon satisfaktori? Iz the English we speek plezant tu heer, or az good az it miet be?" He thaut not; and he beleevd meni wood agree that present-dai English had faulen on eevil daiz. In hiz opinien aul that woz rong with English pronunsiashon woz that it had bekum kairles, sluvenli, and slipshod. In meni kaisez it kood not be sed that we pronounst our wurdz at aul. If we lisend tu a preecher, or tu tuu pursonz engaijd in konversaishon, or even tu praktisk enunsiashon on the stajj, we shoold heer the *er* larjli predominaiting. The remedi woz tu pronouns the vouelz in the unaksented silablz.

Prof. Wyld, ov Liverpool Yunivursiti, sed our restorerz ov English kood not restor az much az thai wood liek, thru ignorans ov the langwij. Meni ov the vouelz thai had just hurd never egzisted in English. Whot woz the best tiep ov English tu teech? Thai had ekstrordinari variëtz tu chuuz from. Thai had London, English, Scottish, Jewish, Lancashire, West Kuntri, and midl klaas aksent, and so forth. Their woz no end tu the variëti ov English speech, reejonal and klaas dialekts. Their woz aulso the aulturnativ tu dekorait speech, and invent entierli nyu English; but tu kaul this "rekonstrukshon" woz absurd. Ov aul bad giedz tu the pronunsiashon ov English, spelung woz the wurst. Kairfuli studid speech woz iether absurd, ludikrus, or vulgar; and the man hu induljd in it ran the risk ov being iether vulgar or komik. A revoluushon woz going on in English speech, and he woz sufishentli oeld-fashond not tu liek the nyu pronunsiashon.

Prof. Savory, ov Belfast Yunivursiti, sed thai kood divid English intu three kiendz: (1) Scottish English, (2) Northern English, (3) Suthern English. Thai shoold adopt a veri tolerant atityud, az thai wer aul the rezult ov evoluushon, and aul formz had a grait deel tu be sed for them. London woz the senter ov the grait metropolitan pres, which had an oeverwhelming infloons, and the Suthern sfeer ov infloons aulso kontaind the grait majoriti ov the publik skuulz, in which the pyurest English woz tu be found. Mr. Balfour woz Scottish, but he defied eniun tu fiend a singl trais ov Scottish pronunsiashon in hiz uterans. Lord Rosebery kaim under the saim kategori, and our tuu Archbishops wer boeth Scotsmen and sunz ov the mans, hu had kum under the infloons ov the Suthern sfeer. He beleevd Mr. Caldwell Cook's vyuz wer kontrari tu the hoel tendensi ov the English langwij.

Prof. Walter Rippmann sed we did need sum teeching ov pronunsiashon in our skuulz, and tu fiend out whot woz the best speech. But kleeer and beter speech woz raather a mater ov artikyulaishon than ov stresing unstrest silablz. He aulso poot in a plee for an oral test, az suplementari tu the riten egzaminaishonz in English, the instityushon ov which wood much enkurij theoz teecherz hu wer striving, with sum sukses, tu impruuv the pronunsiashon in skuulz.

If thair woz wun point which emurjd kleeerli from the diskushon, it woz that the stresing ov unstrest vouelz wil leed wun nowhair at aul—not eeven tu a medieeval or "restord" pronunsiashon. Tu relie on speling az a gied tu pronunsiashon iz tu invurt the natyural order ov thingz, for man spoek long befor he roet. The simbol woz maid for the wurd, and not the wurd for the simbol.

Patriotik Englishmen hav an adishonal reezon for turning thair atenshon tu standerd speech. Amung modern problemz ov edyukai-

shon which ar ov an Impeerial dimenshon, not the leest seerius iz the modifikaishon ov the English langwij and its pronunsiashon oeverseez. Mr. E. B. Sargant, in hiz book *Edyukaishonal Problemz*, riets az foloez:—

An Inspektor ov Skuulz in South Africa, huuz naitiv land woz Scotland, wuns hyumorosli aluuded, in the rieter'z prezents, tu the woeful rezults ov permitting Scotch songz tu be taut tu Dutch children bi English teecheerz.

It iz sjusted that an aproech tu yuniformaliti ov pronunsiashon miet be obtaind within a fyu jeneraishonz wer a sentral standerdiezing authoriti tu sekyur the yus ov the present siëntifik treatment ov fonetiks at the training kolejz for the teecheerz thruout the Empier.

When pees haz been deklaird the naishon wil be in a fiting muud tu diskus such a kwestion. Our koloniz wil hav stronger klaimz on our konsideraishon than befor, and we aut tu be the mor wiling tu help them tu prezurv the heritaij ov thair muther tung.

THE SPOEKEN WURD IN POËTRI.

HAZ poëtri a meedium liek myuzik and painting, or iz it an etheerialiezd art, which iz pyurli ov the miend? In a reesent lektuur on "Eesthetiks" laast munth in Yunivर्सiti Kolej, London, Dr. Bernard Bosanquet, wun ov the formoest rieterz on the subjekt, laid stres on the fakt that poëtri depended for its veri egzistens on the fizikal or sensyuus aspekt ov wurdz az wel az on iedeaz. Had he held a breef for Simplified Speling he kood not hav maid out a beter kais for the renaissans ov the spoeken wurd. The meedium ov poëtri, he kontended, woz sound. It woz a mistaik tu sai that it wurkt oenli in iedeaz. Shelley had held this vuu, but in hiz kais the meedium woz far mor tranz-pairent and iluusiv than in the kais ov moest uther poëts.

We hav no riet [sed Dr. Bosanquet] tu juj poëtri without heering it red aloud. We diskount the fizikal sied ov langwij kwiet faulsli. We glaans at the meedium ov the printed paj and we doen't see that whot we ar deeling with haz, and must hav, a byutiful patern ov sound.

It iz, indeed, he kontinyud, fauls iedealizm thus tu taik awai the meedium ov an art. Yu mai think it egzaults the mental; on the kontrari, it redyusez the mental tu a nuthing. Miendz ar not kompleet without thingz eni mor than thingz without miendz. Kompair the proeses ov maiking poëtri in tuu diferent langwijez; thair yu ar forst tu noet the "stuf" ov poëtri.

Teeching Children tu Reed.

This mai seem far awai from Simplified Speling, but, indeed, thair iz a vietal konekshon. We hav lost hoeld ov the iedea that a wurd iz sumthing sounded. We forget that wurdz wer sounded long befor thair wer riten and that the sound ov a wurd iz the breth ov its lief. It materz not tu us hou korsli or feeblly the wurd iz spoeken so that the riten simbol—the meer husk or shel ov this byutiful and vietal thing—be kept intakt. Wun kood wish that everi chield wood be taut that poëtri iz sumthing spoeken—not riten, but truuli "maid," that he himself kan hav sum shair in maiking it or in remaiking it if he "lend tu the riem ov the poët the byuti ov hiz vois." He shoed be maid tu feel the lief that thrilz in the spoeken wurd, the myuzik that tremblz in surtin konsonants and kombinaishonz ov konsonants, in the klash ov *l* and *r* in such wurdz az "alyuring." "Wun kan not so teech the eezi-going, irreverent Bord-skuul yungster," a teecheer mai protest. No, indeed, he kan not be taut, but he kan be shoened. He that hath eertz tu heer wil heer without much teeching in the mistaiken sens ov preeching. We beleev that a reformd speling wil teech him boeth tu heer and tu oebai.

MISELANI.

THE Scotch skulboi ov tu-dai haz not, we feer, that kloes akwaintans with the Bible and the Shorter Katekizm that hiz grandfaather and faather had befor him. Hou els eksplain sum ov the kwaint erorz intu which Sur John Struthers, in hiz report on Sekondari Edyukaishon for Scotland, shoez him tu hav faulen. Aanserz tu kwestionz regarding the kurent interpretaishon ov surtin Biblical aluuzhonz yeelded a krop ov amyuzing blunderz amung which the eksplanaishon ov "the widoe'z miet" az "a smaul chield ov a widoe" woz the moest wiedspred. The "Glasgow Herald," kwoeting the report, givz tuu mor interpretaishonz: "the widoe'z strength" and "the chaansez ov a wooman hu haz lost her huzband," ading that theez ar eksplanaishonz which ar litl kalkyulaited tu enkurij the advokait ov speling reform.

SPELING reformerz duu not need enkurijment. Thai ar the moest irepresibl and egzyuberant amung mankiend. "Thries iz he armd," ets. Aask editorz, and thai wil tel yu that the meer menshon ov a subjekt remoetli konekted with speling iz enuf tu start a blaiz ov korespondens in thair kolumz.

WE ar sumwhot chairi ov taiking seeriusli everf argyument against Simplified Speling advaanst bi our opoenents. Aafter we hav taiken the trubl tu demolish them, our adversariz kood so eezili akyuz us ov a lak ov hyumor. And we doen't beleev meni peepI think so puurli ov the intelijens ov mankiend az tu imajin that eni seerius konfyuzhon wood rezult if a fyu wurdz diferent in meening, but similar in pronunsiaishon, wer spelt aliek. The traind ie and miend hav the pouer ov taiking in a hoel seerieez ov riten wurdz at a glaans. A groep ov wurdz iz prezented aulmoest az a yunit tu the konshusnes.

DR. HENRY BRADLEY telz an amyuzing anekdoet shoeing hou litl efekt a singl leter haz on the konshusnes ov the reeder. "Meni yeerz ago," he sez, "I sau in a nyuspaiper an anounsment ov a purson'z deth, with the startling adishon, '*Fiends* will kindly accept this intimation.' I kut out the paragraaf, mounted it on a kard, and shoed it tu a larj number ov pursonz, hu aul red it oever several tiemz without detekting enithing rong in it." It iz tu be noeted bi the wai that Dr. Bradley iz not a suportor ov Simplified Speling, but he haz, in hiz pamflet "On the Relations between Spoken and Written Language," veri jenerusli suplied the ardent speling reformer with a hoel bunch ov aroez from hiz oen kwiver which kood fitingli be yuzd in the worfair against ordinari speling.

KORESPONDENS.

DISTINGWISHING "FOR" AND "FOUR."

AZ wun hu haz freekwentli nagd the Sosyeti on the subjekt ov the objekshonabl *ie* for long *i*, mai I kongrateulait the kauz ov S.S. on the anounsment maid reesentli at South Kensington that this haitful dygraf had been abolisht and a substitute desyded on? And I mai the mor fitingli ekspres my plezher at it sins my oen fansi, *ei*, haz not been adopted for this sound, but *y*, such adopshun being renderd posibl by the eus ov *e* in the kaisez wair *y* woz formerli put (wun wood lyk tu no, however, hou "yes" and similar wurdz ar tu be spelt—"ees, e-es, or ees"?).

The nekst moest obvius soer plais in our S.S. iz the absens ov distinkshun between "for" and "four," "mor" and "more," ets., and, on this point, mai I urj the konsideraishun ov the prinsipl that revyzd speling shoed be baist not so much on hou the best speeker iz *hurd tu pronouns* (az imperfekshunz in boeth

the kair, lezher, and tung ov the speeker and the eer ov the heerer then afekt the rezult), but on hou he *meenx tu pronouns*, and duz pronouns wen he kairfuli artikeulais eni speshul wurd under diskushun.

With but feu eksepschunz, everiwun *meenx* tu distingwish, and duz in hiz mynd, between "for" and "four," "morning" and "mourning," but, wen not thinking ov it, and speeking with rapiditi, the diferens iz auften laust on the heerer. Nevertheles, an enlytend fonetisizm shood taik noet ov the intended distinkshun.—Eurz, ets.

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"THE POPYULAR APEEL."

I BEG leev tu ofer sum remarks on Mr. A. R. Williams'z artikl on "The Popyular Apeel" in yuer Desember number. Furst, on a miener point, he porz kontent on the ideea that "the eksperts shood deviez a lojikl skeem, with a komprehensiv alfabet liek the internashonal wun, baist on fonetiks," and which the peepl wil hav tu yuz. "Ye fuulz and bliend!" he eksklaimz. "Az if eksperts ever kood infloons popyular speech!" It iz a good instans ov the jeneral ruul that, whair peepl ekspres themselvz moest emfatikali, thai ar moest apt tu goe rong, strong wurdz indikaiting worm feeling raather than kuul jujment. Mr. Williams iz twies mistaiken. In the furst plais, it iz surtin that the adopshon ov a mor fonetik speling wil hav *sum* infloons on popyular speech, az he himself aafterwerdz inkonsistentli admits; and, aultho we (or, at aul events, I) kan not konfidentli asurt in whot direkshon or tu whot ekstent, we mai reezonabli hoep it wil be in the riet direkshon—tuwurdz graiter yuniformiti ov langwij—and wil be konsiderabl. In the sekond plais, theez wurdz misrepresent the main purpos ov reformerz, which iz not tu standerdiez speech, dezierabl tho it iz tu duu so, but tu maik it eezier for aul tu lurn tu reed, thus "eezing thair mentl burden," az Mr. Williams elshair poots it himself. Tu this end, thair *must* be egzaktli whot he so kondemz—a skeem deviezd bi eksperts (hu els kan duu it?), with a komprehensiv alfabet baist on fonetiks and far mor lojikl than the oeld speling, aul which we hav in Simplified Speling, tho Mr. Williams duz not apeer tu think so. Whether the infyuzhon ov lojik and fonetiks in S.S. iz eksesiv or insufisient or hits the hapi meen iz stil an oepen kwestyon. For mi part, I think it miet be maid a litl mor lojikl—for instans, bi sheding a fyu diegrafs—and I wil shortli giv reezonz for the opinyon.

Returning at prezent tu Mr. Williams, if, in hiz ekspreshon "the peepl wil hav tu yuz it," he meenz tu inklud the groen-ups, I must again ventyur tu difer. Tu theoz hu hav wuns maasterd it, the oeld speling duz not giv much trubl, and we kan hardli hoep tu impoez on them *eni* nyu skeem, however moderait, eeven if we wood. The goel ov our endevorz shood be the inkalkyulabl fyutyer benefit tu be derievd from the introdukshon ov a good skeem intu the skuulz amung theoz hu hav not yet lurnt tu reed. It wil be reecht not bi konvurshon ov oeld reederz tu the nyu stiel, but bi thair gradyual replaisment bi yunger peepl braut up in the nyu stiel, with huuz demaand the suplie ov tranz-literated books wil natyurali keep pais.

This bringz me from Mr. Williams'z outwurks tu hiz main pozishon—that our sukses dependz on popyular sufrij. I wood gladli fiend mor truuth in this than I duu. We must not forget that this kuntri iz not so free az it woz. In meni materz formerli left tu prievait jujment we ar nou under the orderz ov ofishlz, and wun ov theez materz iz edyukaishon. Theoretikali the ofishlz ar the survants ov the publik, but praktikali, thai ar, in grait part, its maasterz. I duu not wish tu egzajerait the ekstent ov our survityud, but, so far az it iz a fakt, thair iz no yus in blinking it, and we aut raather tu turn it tu whot good we kan. In edyukaishon, so far az I noe, the dominaishon ov the byuroekrat iz aulmoest kompleet, and the peepl aksept submisivli whot he oferz them. Iz it not, then, cheeffi the byuroekrat and the politishanz and uthertz hu infloons him that we hav tu konvurt?

It iz this konsideraishon that maiks me think a sumwhot mor lojikl skeem

must be adopted az liekli tu apeel tu the edyukaited ofishl than we kood ekspekt tu win the apruual ov the peepl at larj—posibli eeven a skeem baist on the wun esenshl ruul ov boeth lojik and fonetiks, *wun sound wun sien*. This wood rid us at a bloe ov aul the rechid komplikaishonz ov diegrafs so painfuli diskust in evri PIONEER, and giv us at wuns the truu simplisiti that syuts the children'z miendz.—I am, Sur, yuer obeedyent survant,

ARCHER WILDE.

OUR SIMPLIFIED SPELING STAUL.

THE Simplified Speling Staul, ov which we reprodyus a foetograaf, woz a veri popyular feetyur ov the Publisherz' Egzibishon, held under the auspisez ov the Edyukaishonal Konferens. If eni aanser wer rekwierd tu the akyuzaishon that teecherz, az a hoel, ar not interested in thair wurk, we think the atendans at the Egzibishon wood be a veri efektiv replie. The teecherz egzamind nyu books, nyu aparaitus with the enthyuziazm ov the good wurkman hu iz prepaired tu surch dilijentli for the best tualz. Our pamflets wer egzamind with interest and several hundredz wer distribyuted. Meni vizitorz baut the *Appeal to Common Sense*, whiel *The Star*, az yuzhyual, pruuvd veri popyular.

NOETS AND NYUZ.

The membership ov the Sosiety nou numberz 2474.

Invinsibl!

"I hav promoeted a skoer ov debaits on Simplified Speling. In *everi* debait the men on the negativ sied wisht tu withdrau suun aafter begining thair studi ov the subjekt. Everi debait woz wun bi the afurmativ!"—Prezident WILLIAM T. FOSTER, ov Reed Kolej.

Taik yur Chois.

Sur Edward Elgar, wel noen tu hiz frendz az a wit, woz aaskt, on the produkshon ov hiz oevertyur "Cochaigne," bi Sur Frederick Cowen which woz the korekt wai tu riet the wurd, az sum peepl spelt it "Cockagne" and uthertz "Cockaigne." "Oe, it's iether!" replied the kompoezer.

Russian Interest in Speling Reform.

Several Russian laidiz atended our Konferens and wer evidentli interested in the kwestion ov reform. Wun hu found our speling veri much eezier tu reed than the ordinari skript woz graitle disapointed tu fiend we had not publisht a hoel set ov British klasiks in our speling. "It wood hav oepend up English literatyur tu me," she sed, regretfuli.

Simplified Speling Anekdoets.

A krust ov anekdoet and jest haz groen round the subjekt ov simplified speling. Wun ov our memberz hu haz freekwentli kontribyuted tu the Noets

and Nyuz kolum from an ekstensiv repertoire sendz the foloing:—Fisherman, hu haz just spelt out the wurd *Psyche* on an ajaisent boet: "Wel, if that ain't the darndest kweer wai ov speling 'fish' ever I seed."

Hou kan Wor ever be Riet?

Sur Gilbert Murray haz riten a veri strieking litl pamflet on the Wor, which shoez, with that simplisiti and kleernes that kumz from riet thinking, hou onorabl iz the kauz for which we ar fieting. The noet ov restraint and unflinching singl-miendednes maiks it, in the liet ov everidai hapeningz, a tuching and poetent apeel tu the best instinkts ov the naishon.

The Yus ov the Sinonim in Jurnalizm.

When a Man's Single—which Mr. Arnold Bennett kaulz the best manyual ekstant for jurnalists—kontainz the foloing ilyuminaitiv pasij:—"When Umbrage returnd, Billy Kirker, the cheef, woz denouncing the aprentis reporter for not being aibl tu tel him hou tu spel 'deceive.' 'Whot iz the yus ov yu,' he aaskt, indignantli, 'if yu kaan't duu a simpl thing liek that?' 'Sai 'cheat,'"' sujested Umbrage. So Kirker roet 'cheet.'"

Good Seed.

"I enkloez muni order tu kuver anyual subskripshon and respektfuli aask that mi naim be enroeld in yur membership," woz the hartening if not unkomon oepening ov a leter which kaim tu our ofis the uthar dai. It kontinyud stil mor cheeringli, "I wish tu sai that I am delieted with THE PIONEER, a kopi ov which I found in the Portland publik liebrari; hens this leter." It iz good tu noe that THE PIONEER iz fulfiling thus its tielt and funkschon.

The Furst Speling Reformer.

Our meeting haz kauld forth from editorial arkievz a reminisens ov the furst speling reformer, wun Thomas Gatacre, Rektor ov Rotherhithe from 1611 tu 1654. This divien, hu woz a prominent figyur in Pyuritan surklz, began hiz karer az reformer bi chainjing tu "Gataker" "tu prevent miskauling." Hiz theolojikal treetizez abound in such formz az "qestion" and "git," with uthar mor rashonal[simplifikaishonz such az "ded" for "dead."

Our Petishon.

We hoep aul our memberz ar aliev tu the need ov stedili kolekting Petishon signatyurz. Sum hav responded moest loiali tu our apeelz, but thair iz need for further efort. Amung our best helperz hav been Mr. Robert Jackson (Dundee), Mr. Ezra Sykes (Leeds). The koloniz hav been enerjetik, and amung strenyuus wurkerz thair miet be menshond Mr. W. F. Gates (Melbourne, Australia). It iz gratifying tu noe that the Edyukaishonal Department ov Melbourne haz siend aulmoest *en bloc*.

Our Dikshonari Ofer.

A grait meni reederz hav purchast a kopi ov the *British Empire Universities Modern English Dictionary*, which woz oferd, bi speshal arainjment with the publisherz, at the remarkabl pries ov 5s. This ofer stil hoeldz good. The dikshonari iz no meer list ov wurdz, but a kompendium ov yusful informashion. Thair ar well informd artiklz on nyumerus subjekts, amung them being Simplified Speling.

"Album-Atlas of British Victories on the Sea."

The saim furm iz isyuing a moest interesting mementoe ov the prezent Wor in the form ov an *Album-Atlas of British Victories on the Sea*. Tu the

teacher hu wishez tu maik the histori lesen liv and tu impres on hiz pyupilz the real signifkans ov the glorius naival viktoriaz ov tuda, this litl book wil be invalyubl. Splendidli furnisht with maps and foetograafs, it providedz a grafikal histori ov our Naivi'z deedz. The kost iz 1s. 6d. Reederz wishing tu obtain a kopi shood send remitansez tu the Dikshonari Department, Simplified Speling Sosieta, 44 Great Russell Street, London, W.C.

The "Sydney Bulletin" on Speling.

Our oeld frend the "Sydney Bulletin" never lets slip an oportyniti ov throing a barbd dart at English speling. It poolz the subjekt in bi the hair ov the hed in a maner that sujestz sumtiemz Mr. Dick and the Memorial. In a diskushon on the subjekt ov the egzakt signifkans ov the German Nashonal Song, "Deutschland über alles," apeerz the foloing pasij:—"English rejoizez in the distinkshon ov being the moest barbarusli spelt langwij in Christendom. Speling woz given tu the Englishman tu konseel the pronunsiashon. Yu kan fiend English wurdz which doen't kontain wun sound menshond in the English alfabet!"

Wurking Men and Simplified Speling.

We feel glad that the Simplified Speling Sosieta iz represented on the Wurkerz' Edyukaishonal Asoesiashon. Our muuvment shood maik a poentent apeel tu wurking men, huuz children ar at prezent the graiest sufererz from the teribl drag which the konvenshonal speling sistem impoezez on the skuulz. Hou meni elementari-skuul children leev having just maasterd, and no mor, the art ov reeding maid so difikult bi the fuulish jumbl we kaul "English speling." At prezent the lekturaz and tyutorial klaasez held under the Wurkerz' Asoesiashon'z auspisez ar mainli okypied with such a subjekt az the kauzez leeding up tu the prezent Wor. We hoep, however, that, when pees haz been deklaird, we mai be permitted tu yuz the ekselent organiezaishon ov the Asoesiashon tu begin a thuroe-going kampain amung the moest thautilf sekshonz ov the wurking klaasez. Wer thai tu demaand Simplified Speling, the buun wood not long be withheld.

A Speling Test.

Mr. E. A. Barrett riets: "I giv beloe a list ov thurti wurdz which I prepaired tu test the meni hu aanserd mi apeelz for S.S. bi saing that 'eniwun ov kultuur and edyukaishon kood spel korektli.' I hav tried it on meni profeshonal and biznes men with an averij rezult ov sumthing oever ten wurdz rong and under twenti mistaiks in aul. The best woz a yung solisitor, hu had oenli siks wurdz rong, and the wurst woz a boi hu had just left a publik skuul tu join hiz faather in biznes, and hu had oenli three wurdz riet:—

"Abattoir, abscess, acknowledgment, acquiesce, antediluvian, aqueduct, assessor, battalion, chrysalis, colander, consensus, desiccate, desuetude, diphthong, ecstasy, embarrass, fuchsia, harass, inaccessible, ineffaceable, innuendo, isosceles, millennium, onomatopoeic, paralyse, predilection, psychic, pusillanimity, paraffin, unmistakable."

Mr. Barrett haz, we think, deviezd a kuning snair for the kokshuur. We found our speshal difikulti in the penultimait wurd in the list. "Paraffin" iz speshali triing, for thair iz no sinonim for it in the skuulboi'z sens ov the wurd.

The Naimz ov Belgian Tounz.

Mr. H. O. Coleman riets: "In regard tu thoez Belgian tounz, yur korespondent iz sadli inkonsistent. It iz strainj for an advokait ov Simplified Speling tu prefur the antikwaitet speling 'Liège' tu the fonetik speling 'Liège' (which, in the kais ov the komon noun, iz nou kustomari in France, az with 'collège, cortège,' and the rest, which formerli wer spelt with an akyut). A Belgian frend ov mien spelz 'Liège' with a graiv, and regardz the uther speling az definitli rong. (In fairnes it shood be said that he haz not livd in Belgium for sum ten yeez.) In eni kais, if we prefur 'Brügge' (pronounst mor

liek 'Brugge') tu 'Bruges,' 'Liège' shood giv wai, not tu 'Liége,' but tu 'Luik'! However, thair iz konsiderabl ekskyus for the French naimz in the fakt that French iz the oenli komon langwij ov the kuntri, the Flemish dialekts being so diferent that Flemish speekerz from diferent parts ov Belgium ar ofen obliejd tu yuz French in order tu be myutyuali inteligibl. Mi Belgian akwaintans telz me that a noetis woz wuns poested in Flemish aul oever the land: 'We demaand a Flemish Yunivर्सiti.' But the furst tuu wurdz wer kwiet uninteligibl tu a veri larj number ov Flemingz. So that kauling 'Bruges' 'Brugge' iz aulmoest —tho not kwiet—liek kauling 'Argyle' 'Araghaidheil.' "

From an American Simpathiezer.

Methaut I sau a vizhon—
 Merlin, the oeld majishon.
 He woz kaasting *spelz* ov blakest art
 On viktimz grait and smaui.
 He gaiv Greece an epidemik sad,
 And France a spel ov wether bad,
 And on the English naishon kaast
 The dredest *spel* ov aul.
 Tuu hundred yeez it swaid us,
 And reched fuulz haz maid us,
 For we yuz a duzen sienz tu stand
 For just wun voekal sound.
 A nyu wurd we heer. Hou spel it?
 A nyu wurd we see. Hou tel it?
 We must ever flie tu Webster
 Or be lost in shaim profound.
 But a speling-mach iz started;
 The strong-miended and strong-harted
 With komon sens wil win the dai.
 Rejois, O children smaui!
 We wil drop aul needles leterz,
 Which we rekogniez az feterz,
 And for our nyu-born freedom thank
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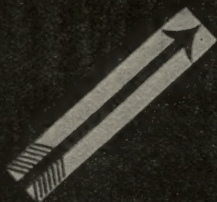
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